



Sunny Start Family Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, August 29, 2006 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location:	IAEYC Conference Room
Committee Chair:	Mary Jo Paladino
List of Participants:	Denise Arland, Chrissy Dhonau, Michele Golab, Nancy (IPIN), Mary Jo Paladino, David Roos, Christina Rogers, Edward Bloom, Maureen Greer, Toni Harpster
Items of Interest:	Social and Emotional Training Matrix – attached Indiana WINS presentation - attached Memorandum to Healthcare Organization regarding Citizenship Verification (attached) Flyer for Hoosiers in need of insurance (attached)
Summary of meeting:	<p>Mary Jo Paladino, committee chair opened the meeting with introductions and then gave an overview of current Sunny Start Projects which include the Early Childhood Meeting Place Expansion and the Social and Emotional Training Initiative.</p> <p>RE: Early Childhood Meeting Place - The survey tool has been added and they have started populating the Family Information and Resources web site with local resources. (Autism and Down syndrome support groups, general support groups such as Elkhart Mothers and More, local Head Start programs, WIC and county health departments, United Ways, Parents as Teachers, etc.)</p> <p>RE: Social and Emotional Training Initiative – The committee is developing draft competencies for individuals who work with young children in the area of social and emotional development. Once competencies have been finalized they will be brought to the Core Partners as well as all other Sunny Start Committees. Family Advisory Committee Members will be sent a copy of minutes from the next Social and Emotional Training and Technical Assistance Committee Meeting which will be held on August 30th.</p> <p>The group was then joined by Edward Bloom from ISDH who gave a presentation on Indiana WINS which is Indiana's new universal application. For more information on Indiana WINS see the attached Power Point</p>

Presentation.

Highlights of Indiana WINS discussion include:

- Screens candidates for likely eligibility and steers them towards programs they might not know about.
- Implementation to start in January as opposed to October due to software upgrade
- System is secure, i.e. password protected. Case Managers must work along with family as they do not have access to their information
- MCH, WIC and Childrens are part of phase one. Community Health Centers will be added as well
- Planners hopeful that FSSA will be on board by January, but they are not yet certain. – Plan to include First Steps as well.
- Program will be an asset to families, case workers,... hopeful that efficiency will increase.

The group was then addressed by David Roos from Covering Kids and Families. David spoke about Covering Kids & Families and their mission of advocating health coverage for Indiana Families. He passed out the most recent flyer with information for families on Indiana's Low Cost and Free Health Care Coverage. - - See attached

David also discussed the most recent charge of the Federal Reduction Act which requires all Medicaid and Hoosier Healthwise recipients to provide documentation of U.S. Citizenship. (see attached) This will happen upon initial application for programs as well as at the time for re-determination of eligibility. It is believed that this will pose obstacles for many families and Healthcare Organizations. David encouraged the group to tell all families to get their proof of citizenship immediately to expedite the process.

The last part of the meeting focused on Agenda items related to child development information on the Early Childhood Meeting place. Committee members were encouraged by Mary Jo to share favorite child development and developmental calendar information with the group via the Sunny Start Family Advisory List Serve.

Next Steps for the Family Advisory Committee

Committee members will begin identifying resources, discuss options for the developmental calendar via the list serve. Resources will be forwarded to Cathy

Once that is complete, the group will decide when and how they will meet again. Toni will make sure that all committee members are added to the list serve and Mary Jo will initiate the discussions on child development information.

Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Send Committee Members a copy of minutes from Social and Emotional Training and Technical Assistance Committee Meeting which will be held on August 30th. (Toni Harpster to send by 9/13) ▪ Verify that all committee members are invited to participate in the list serve; follow up with those that do not accept the invitation. (Toni Harpster to complete by 9/13/06)